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SURGEON GENERAL DESIGNATES NEW COMMANDANT

Colonel Joseph H. McNinch, M.C., has been designated Commandant of the Army Medical Library by the Surgeon General, succeeding Colonel Leon L. Gardner.

Col. McNinch received his A.B. and M.D. degrees from Ohio State University and went directly into Army service. His assignments have included tours of duty at the Army Medical School, the Army Medical Museum and the Medical Statistics Division of The Office of The Surgeon General. During the war he served on the staff of Maj. Gen. Paul Hawley, Chief Surgeon of the European Theatre of Operations. Upon his return he assumed the position of Chief of the Historical Division, SGO, where he is compiling the History of the Medical Department in World War II.

Since 1936 Col. McNinch has made his home in Washington, D. C.

SCOTT ADAMS APPOINTED ACTING THE LIBRARIAN

To replace Mr. Wyllis Wright who is leaving to become Librarian of Williams College, Mr. Scott Adams has been appointed Acting The Librarian of the Army Medical Library.

Mr. Adams, who received his A.B. at Yale and his B.S. degree at Columbia came to the library in February 1945, and in July of that year became Chief of Acquisition Division. He had served as Supervisor, Acquisition Division, Teachers College Library, and later as Order-Catalog Librarian of the Providence Public Library. He is author of the O. P. Market; a Subject Directory to the Out-of-Print Book Trade.

Mr. Adams has been instrumental, through his extensive knowledge of the book field, in contributing substantially to the growth of the Army Medical Library's collections.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

One of the most fruitful sources for completing files of foreign medical periodicals is the exchange of duplicates with overseas libraries.

Postwar piece for piece exchange of duplicates was actively begun in July 1946. At that time a list of duplicates in the Army Medical Library's collection was sent to 157 foreign medical libraries with a request that the latter send their lists of available duplicates. Replies from Australia, Brazil, China, the Dutch East Indies, Ireland, England, France, Holland, India, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Uruguay and Venezuela have been received, accompanied in many instances by lists of their offerings. The Acquisition Division is enthusiastic about developing this duplicate exchange. Just before Christmas 93 boxes of duplicate periodicals were received from the Library of the American Medical Association. The Library will share this gift by making duplicates available to other medical libraries through the Medical Library Association Exchange.

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

The Library has received from Dr. Lewis H. Weed, of The Division of Medical Sciences, National Research Council, a large collection of medical reports collected during the war. These will prove to be invaluable in completing the Library's holdings. The catalog of this collection will be filmed to preserve the record of the Division's wartime reference files.

IN APPRECIATION

Tribute to the work of the Reference Division of the Army Medical Library appears in the November 1946 issue of *Military Surgeon*. Colonel Balduin Lucké, Honorary Consultant of the Army Medical Library, in his article entitled "Lower Nephron Nephrosis" expressed appreciation to the staff of the Reference Division for bibliographic assistance.

In the same issue Dr. Wiley Forbus' and Dr. Annie Bestebreurtje's article on coccidioidomycosis states, "Without the facilities of the Surgeon General's Library, whose staff gave of their time and interest quite beyond the call of duty, the comprehensive survey of the problem presented would have been impossible."

OFFICE FOR HONORARY CONSULTANTS

Colonel Harold W. Jones, Secretary Treasurer, has opened a permanent office for the Association of Honorary Consultants to the Army Medical Library in study room 26, Library of Congress. All matters pertaining to the Association should be sent to him at that address. Mr. Herbert Perfett is in charge of the office. Phone National 2722 Extension 459.

PERSONALS

The University of Paris has conferred the decree "Docteur, Honoris Causa" upon an American, Herbert McLean Evans. Few Americans have been awarded this recognition by the Sorbonne though it will be remembered that two American presidents, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson were thus honored. Dr. Evans is professor of Anatomy and Biology and Director of the Institute of Experimental Biology of the University of California. He has been recognized for his fundamental researches into the nature of the sexual cycle and histological changes characterizing it in higher animals; the discovery of the growth hormone and vitamin E necessary for the existence of the mammalian foetus and of the seminiferous epithelium.

Miss M. Ruth MacDonald attended the Mid-Winter meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago, December 27-30.

Dr. Normand L. Hoerr, Honorary Consultant to the Army Medical Library, addressed a meeting of the American Academy of

Dermatology and Syphilology in Cleveland 10 December 1946, on the subject "Capillary Circulation of the Skin." Dr. Hoerr is Henry Willson Payne Professor of Anatomy, Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE.

Mr. Scott Adams, Miss Virginia Bowie, Mr. Leslie Falk, Mr. Ignatius McGuire, Mrs. Gladys Neary and Mr. Joseph Tucker have received the Award for Meritorious Service in recognition of their "ability and faithful service to the Medical Department and to the Nation".

"THE VILE WEED"

Those persons who insist on smoking that "vile weed", tobacco, will see the error of their ways after reading the following words of James the First of England, quoted in a *Treatise on Tobacco, Tea, Coffee, and Chocolate,* by Simon Pauli, London, 1746, in the Library's collection:

> "At last, therefore, O Citizens, if you have any Sense of Shame, or Dread of Infamy, left in your Bosoms, lay aside the Use of *Tobacco, a Custom attended with Ignominy,* received through Error, and established by Stupidity. By its Means the Wrath of Heaven is excited against us, the Health of our Bodies impaired, our Substance wasted, and the Dignity of our Nation not only diminished at Home, but also despised Abroad; for *Tobacco* is a substance loathsome to the Sight, disagreeable to the Lungs, and, by its Clouds of black Smoak, nearly resembling the horrid Steams of Hell."

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